

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-11 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and claim 12 was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. By this current amendment claims 1-4, 6-7 and 9-13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 5 and 8 have been amended. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification and claims as filed. Claims 5 and 8 are pending in this application and are at issue. No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

The issues raised by the Examiner in the Office Action are summarized and addressed below.

Information Disclosure Statement

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement and form PTO/SB/08 compliant with provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609, referring to Serial No. 10/600,745. Applicants respectfully request that the reference be considered by the Examiner and placed of record in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second paragraph

The rejection of claims 2, 3, and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been rendered moot by the cancellation thereof.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First paragraph

Claims 1-11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the Examiner contended that the specification, while being enabling for methods of regeneration of the lens by dedifferentiating and transdifferentiating cells using those agents recited by the specification, did not reasonably provide enabling for methods of regenerating any tissue or organ in

CONCLUSION

Claims 5 and 8 are in a condition for allowance.

In review of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of this application and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 5 and 8 is earnestly solicited.

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